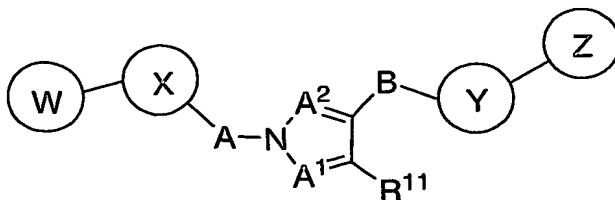


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound represented by Formula (I):



(I)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

X and Y each independently is aryl or heteroaryl wherein at least one of X and Y is a heteroaryl with N adjacent to the position of attachment to A or B respectively;

X is optionally substituted with 1-7 independent halogen, -CN, NO₂, -C₁-6alkyl, -C₁-6alkenyl, -C₁-6alkynyl, -OR¹, -NR¹R², -C(=NR¹)NR²R³, -N(=NR¹)NR²R³, -NR¹COR², -NR¹CO₂R², -NR¹SO₂R⁴, -NR¹CONR²R³, -SR⁴, -SOR⁴, -SO₂R⁴, -SO₂NR¹R², -COR¹, -CO₂R¹, -CONR¹R², -C(=NR¹)R², or -C(=NOR¹)R² substituents, wherein optionally two substituents are combined to form a cycloalkyl or heterocycloalkyl ring fused to X; wherein the -C₁-6alkyl substituent, cycloalkyl ring, or heterocycloalkyl ring each optionally is further substituted with 1-5 independent halogen, -CN, -C₁-6alkyl, -O(C₀-6alkyl), -O(C₃-7cycloalkyl), -O(aryl), -O(heteroaryl), -N(C₀-6alkyl)(C₀-6alkyl), -N(C₀-6alkyl)(C₃-7cycloalkyl), or -N(C₀-6alkyl)(aryl) groups;

R¹, R², and R³ each independently is -C₀-6alkyl, -C₃-7cycloalkyl, heteroaryl or aryl; any of which is optionally substituted with 1-5 independent halogen, -CN, -C₁-6alkyl, -O(C₀-6alkyl), -O(C₃-7cycloalkyl), -O(aryl), -O(heteroaryl), -N(C₀-6alkyl)(C₀-6alkyl), -N(C₀-6alkyl)(C₃-7cycloalkyl), -N(C₀-6alkyl)(aryl) substituents;

R⁴ is -C₁-6alkyl, -C₃-7cycloalkyl, heteroaryl or aryl; optionally substituted with 1-5 independent halogen, -CN, -C₁-6alkyl, -O(C₀-6alkyl), -O(C₃-7cycloalkyl), -O(aryl), -O(heteroaryl), -N(C₀-6alkyl)(C₀-6alkyl), -N(C₀-6alkyl)(C₃-7cycloalkyl), -N(C₀-6alkyl)(aryl) substituents;

A is -C₀-4alkyl, -C₀-2alkyl-SO-C₀-2alkyl-, -C₀-2alkyl-SO₂-C₀-2alkyl-, -C₀-2alkyl-CO-C₀-2alkyl-, -C₀-2alkyl-NR⁹CO-C₀-2alkyl-, -C₀-2alkyl-NR⁹SO₂-C₀-2alkyl- or -heteroC₀-4alkyl;

W is -C₃-7cycloalkyl, -heteroC₃-7cycloalkyl, -C₀-6alkylaryl, or -C₀-6alkylheteroaryl optionally substituted with 1-7 independent halogen, -CN, NO₂, -C₁-6alkyl, -C₁-6alkenyl, -C₁-6alkynyl, -OR¹, -NR¹R², -C(=NR¹)NR²R³, -N(=NR¹)NR²R³, -

NR¹COR², -NR¹CO₂R², -NR¹SO₂R⁴, -NR¹CONR²R³, -SR⁴, -SOR⁴, -SO₂R⁴, -SO₂NR¹R², -COR¹, -CO₂R¹, -CONR¹R², -C(=NR¹)R², or -C(=NOR¹)R² substituents;

Y is optionally substituted with 1-7 independent halogen, -CN, NO₂, -C₁₋₆alkyl, -C₁₋₆alkenyl, -C₁₋₆alkynyl, -OR⁵, -NR⁵R⁶, -C(=NR⁵)NR⁶R⁷, -N(=NR⁵)NR⁶R⁷, -NR⁵COR⁶,
 5 -NR⁵CO₂R⁶, -NR⁵SO₂R⁸, -NR⁵CONR⁶R⁷, -SR⁸, -SOR⁸, -SO₂R⁸, -SO₂NR⁵R⁶, -COR⁵,
 -CO₂R⁵, -CONR⁵R⁶, -C(=NR⁵)R⁶, or -C(=NOR⁵)R⁶ substituents, wherein optionally two substituents are combined to form a cycloalkyl or heterocycloalkyl ring fused to Y; wherein the -C₁₋₆alkyl substituent, cycloalkyl ring, or heterocycloalkyl ring each optionally is further substituted with 1-5 independent halogen, -CN, -C₁₋₆alkyl, -O(C₀₋₆alkyl), -O(C₃₋₇cycloalkyl),
 10 -O(aryl), -O(heteroaryl), -N(C₀₋₆alkyl)(C₀₋₆alkyl), -N(C₀₋₆alkyl)(C₃₋₇cycloalkyl), or -N(C₀₋₆alkyl)(aryl) groups;

R⁵, R⁶, and R⁷ each independently is -C₀₋₆alkyl, -C₃₋₇cycloalkyl, heteroaryl or aryl; any of which is optionally substituted with 1-5 independent halogen, -CN, -C₁₋₆alkyl, -O(C₀₋₆alkyl), -O(C₃₋₇cycloalkyl), -O(aryl), -O(heteroaryl), -N(C₀₋₆alkyl)(C₀₋₆alkyl), -N(C₀₋₆alkyl)(C₃₋₇cycloalkyl), -N(C₀₋₆alkyl)(aryl) substituents;
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R⁸ is -C₁₋₆alkyl, -C₃₋₇cycloalkyl, heteroaryl or aryl; optionally substituted with 1-5 independent halogen, -CN, -C₁₋₆alkyl, -O(C₀₋₆alkyl), -O(C₃₋₇cycloalkyl), -O(aryl), -O(heteroaryl), -N(C₀₋₆alkyl)(C₀₋₆alkyl), -N(C₀₋₆alkyl)(C₃₋₇cycloalkyl), -N(C₀₋₆alkyl)(aryl) substituents;

B is -C₀₋₄alkyl, -C₀₋₂alkyl-SO-C₀₋₂alkyl-, -C₀₋₂alkyl-SO₂-C₀₋₂alkyl-, -C₀₋₂alkyl-CO-C₀₋₂alkyl-, -C₀₋₂alkyl-NR¹⁰CO-C₀₋₂alkyl-, -C₀₋₂alkyl-NR¹⁰SO₂-C₀₋₂alkyl- or -heteroC₀₋₄alkyl;

R⁹ and R¹⁰ each independently is -C₀₋₆alkyl, -C₃₋₇cycloalkyl, heteroaryl or aryl; any of which is optionally substituted with 1-5 independent halogen, -CN, -C₁₋₆alkyl, -O(C₀₋₆alkyl), -O(C₃₋₇cycloalkyl), -O(aryl), -O(heteroaryl), -N(C₀₋₆alkyl)(C₀₋₆alkyl), -N(C₀₋₆alkyl)(C₃₋₇cycloalkyl), -N(C₀₋₆alkyl)(aryl) substituents;
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one of A¹ and A² is N, the other is CR¹²;

R¹¹ and R¹² is each independently halogen, -C₀₋₆alkyl, -C₀₋₆alkoxyl, or -N(C₀₋₄alkyl)(C₀₋₄alkyl), wherein optionally R¹¹ and R¹² are combined to form a cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl ring fused to the pyrazole moiety; wherein the -C₁₋₆alkyl substituent, cycloalkyl ring, or heterocycloalkyl ring each optionally is further substituted with 1-5 independent halogen, -CN, -C₁₋₆alkyl, -O(C₀₋₆alkyl), -O(C₃₋₇cycloalkyl), -O(aryl), -O(heteroaryl), -N(C₀₋₆alkyl)(C₀₋₆alkyl), -N(C₀₋₆alkyl)(C₃₋₇cycloalkyl), or -N(C₀₋₆alkyl)(aryl) groups; and wherein optionally R¹¹ and R¹² each independently forms =O, =N(C₀₋₄alkyl) using a
 30 bond from the adjoining double bond;
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wherein any of the alkyl optionally is substituted with 1-9 independent halogens;

Z is -C₃₋₇cycloalkyl, -heteroC₃₋₇cycloalkyl, -C₀₋₆alkylaryl, or -C₀₋

6alkylheteroaryl optionally substituted with 1-7 independent halogen, -CN, NO₂, -C₁₋₆alkyl,

-C₁₋₆alkenyl, -C₁₋₆alkynyl, -OR¹, -NR¹R², -C(=NR¹)NR²R³, -N(=NR¹)NR²R³, -

5 NR¹COR², -NR¹CO₂R², -NR¹SO₂R⁴, -NR¹CONR²R³, -SR⁴, -SOR⁴, -SO₂R⁴, -SO₂NR¹R²,
-COR¹, -CO₂R¹, -CONR¹R², -C(=NR¹)R², or -C(=NOR¹)R² substituents;

one of W and Z is optionally absent; and

any N may be an N-oxide.

10 2. The compound according to Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

X is 2-pyridyl optionally substituted with 1-4 independent halogen, -CN, NO₂,

-C₁₋₆alkyl, -C₁₋₆alkenyl, -C₁₋₆alkynyl, -OR¹, -NR¹R², -C(=NR¹)NR²R³, -N(=NR¹)NR²R³,

-NR¹COR², -NR¹CO₂R², -NR¹SO₂R⁴, -NR¹CONR²R³, -SR⁴, -SOR⁴, -SO₂R⁴, -SO₂NR¹R²,

15 -COR¹, -CO₂R¹, -CONR¹R², -C(=NR¹)R², or -C(=NOR¹)R² substituents, wherein optionally two substituents are combined to form a cycloalkyl or heterocycloalkyl ring fused to X; wherein the -C₁₋₆alkyl substituent, cycloalkyl ring, or heterocycloalkyl ring each optionally is further substituted with 1-5 independent halogen, -CN, -C₁₋₆alkyl, -O(C₀₋₆alkyl), -O(C₃₋₇cycloalkyl), -O(aryl), -O(heteroaryl), -N(C₀₋₆alkyl)(C₀₋₆alkyl), -N(C₀₋₆alkyl)(C₃₋₇cycloalkyl), or -N(C₀₋
20 6alkyl)(aryl) groups.

3. The compound according to Claim 2, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

Y is phenyl optionally substituted with 1-5 independent halogen, -CN, NO₂, -C₁₋

25 6alkyl, -C₁₋₆alkenyl, -C₁₋₆alkynyl, -OR⁵, -NR⁵R⁶, -C(=NR⁵)NR⁶R⁷, -N(=NR⁵)NR⁶R⁷, -

NR⁵COR⁶, -NR⁵CO₂R⁶, -NR⁵SO₂R⁸, -NR⁵CONR⁶R⁷, -SR⁸, -SOR⁸, -SO₂R⁸, -SO₂NR⁵R⁶,

-COR⁵, -CO₂R⁵, -CONR⁵R⁶, -C(=NR⁵)R⁶, or -C(=NOR⁵)R⁶ substituents, wherein optionally

two substituents are combined to form a cycloalkyl or heterocycloalkyl ring fused to Y; wherein the -C₁₋₆alkyl substituent, cycloalkyl ring, or heterocycloalkyl ring each optionally is further
30 substituted with 1-5 independent halogen, -CN, -C₁₋₆alkyl, -O(C₀₋₆alkyl), -O(C₃₋₇cycloalkyl), -O(aryl), -O(heteroaryl), -N(C₀₋₆alkyl)(C₀₋₆alkyl), -N(C₀₋₆alkyl)(C₃₋₇cycloalkyl), or -N(C₀₋
6alkyl)(aryl) groups.

4. The compound according to Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt
35 thereof, wherein:

Y is 2-pyridyl optionally substituted with 1-4 independent halogen, -CN, NO₂, -C₁-6alkyl, -C₁-6alkenyl, -C₁-6alkynyl, -OR⁵, -NR⁵R⁶, -C(=NR⁵)NR⁶R⁷, -N(=NR⁵)NR⁶R⁷, -NR⁵COR⁶, -NR⁵CO₂R⁶, -NR⁵SO₂R⁸, -NR⁵CONR⁶R⁷, -SR⁸, -SOR⁸, -SO₂R⁸, -SO₂NR⁵R⁶, -COR⁵, -CO₂R⁵, -CONR⁵R⁶, -C(=NR⁵)R⁶, or -C(=NOR⁵)R⁶ substituents, wherein optionally two substituents are combined to form a cycloalkyl or heterocycloalkyl ring fused to Y; wherein the -C₁-6alkyl substituent, cycloalkyl ring, or heterocycloalkyl ring each optionally is further substituted with 1-5 independent halogen, -CN, -C₁-6alkyl, -O(C₀-6alkyl), -O(C₃-7cycloalkyl), -O(aryl), -O(heteroaryl), -N(C₀-6alkyl)(C₀-6alkyl), -N(C₀-6alkyl)(C₃-7cycloalkyl), or -N(C₀-6alkyl)(aryl) groups.

5. The compound according to Claim 4, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

X is phenyl optionally substituted with 1-5 independent halogen, -CN, NO₂, -C₁-6alkyl, -C₁-6alkenyl, -C₁-6alkynyl, -OR⁵, -NR⁵R⁶, -C(=NR⁵)NR⁶R⁷, -N(=NR⁵)NR⁶R⁷, -NR⁵COR⁶, -NR⁵CO₂R⁶, -NR⁵SO₂R⁸, -NR⁵CONR⁶R⁷, -SR⁸, -SOR⁸, -SO₂R⁸, -SO₂NR⁵R⁶, -COR⁵, -CO₂R⁵, -CONR⁵R⁶, -C(=NR⁵)R⁶, or -C(=NOR⁵)R⁶ substituents, wherein optionally two substituents are combined to form a cycloalkyl or heterocycloalkyl ring fused to Y; wherein the -C₁-6alkyl substituent, cycloalkyl ring, or heterocycloalkyl ring each optionally is further substituted with 1-5 independent halogen, -CN, -C₁-6alkyl, -O(C₀-6alkyl), -O(C₃-7cycloalkyl), -O(aryl), -O(heteroaryl), -N(C₀-6alkyl)(C₀-6alkyl), -N(C₀-6alkyl)(C₃-7cycloalkyl), or -N(C₀-6alkyl)(aryl) groups.

6. The compound according to Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

X is phenyl optionally substituted with 1-5 independent halogen, -CN, NO₂, -C₁-6alkyl, -C₁-6alkenyl, -C₁-6alkynyl, -OR¹, -NR¹R², -C(=NR¹)NR²R³, -N(=NR¹)NR²R³, -NR¹COR², -NR¹CO₂R², -NR¹SO₂R⁴, -NR¹CONR²R³, -SR⁴, -SOR⁴, -SO₂R⁴, -SO₂NR¹R², -COR¹, -CO₂R¹, -CONR¹R², -C(=NR¹)R², or -C(=NOR¹)R² substituents, wherein optionally two substituents are combined to form a cycloalkyl or heterocycloalkyl ring fused to X; wherein the -C₁-6alkyl substituent, cycloalkyl ring, or heterocycloalkyl ring each optionally is further substituted with 1-5 independent halogen, -CN, -C₁-6alkyl, -O(C₀-6alkyl), -O(C₃-7cycloalkyl), -O(aryl), -O(heteroaryl), -N(C₀-6alkyl)(C₀-6alkyl), -N(C₀-6alkyl)(C₃-7cycloalkyl), or -N(C₀-6alkyl)(aryl) groups.

7. The compound according to Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

Y is phenyl optionally substituted with 1-5 independent halogen, -CN, NO₂, -C₁-6alkyl, -C₁-6alkenyl, -C₁-6alkynyl, -OR⁵, -NR⁵R⁶, -C(=NR⁵)NR⁶R⁷, -N(=NR⁵)NR⁶R⁷, -NR⁵COR⁶, -NR⁵CO₂R⁶, -NR⁵SO₂R⁸, -NR⁵CONR⁶R⁷, -SR⁸, -SOR⁸, -SO₂R⁸, -SO₂NR⁵R⁶, -COR⁵, -CO₂R⁵, -CONR⁵R⁶, -C(=NR⁵)R⁶, or -C(=NOR⁵)R⁶ substituents, wherein optionally two substituents are combined to form a cycloalkyl or heterocycloalkyl ring fused to Y; wherein the -C₁-6alkyl substituent, cycloalkyl ring, or heterocycloalkyl ring each optionally is further substituted with 1-5 independent halogen, -CN, -C₁-6alkyl, -O(C₀-6alkyl), -O(C₃-7cycloalkyl), -O(aryl), -O(heteroaryl), -N(C₀-6alkyl)(C₀-6alkyl), -N(C₀-6alkyl)(C₃-7cycloalkyl), or -N(C₀-6alkyl)(aryl) groups.

8. The compound according to Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

Y is quinolinyl optionally substituted with 1-6 independent halogen, -CN, NO₂, -C₁-6alkyl, -C₁-6alkenyl, -C₁-6alkynyl, -OR⁵, -NR⁵R⁶, -C(=NR⁵)NR⁶R⁷, -N(=NR⁵)NR⁶R⁷, -NR⁵COR⁶, -NR⁵CO₂R⁶, -NR⁵SO₂R⁸, -NR⁵CONR⁶R⁷, -SR⁸, -SOR⁸, -SO₂R⁸, -SO₂NR⁵R⁶, -COR⁵, -CO₂R⁵, -CONR⁵R⁶, -C(=NR⁵)R⁶, or -C(=NOR⁵)R⁶ substituents, wherein optionally two substituents are combined to form a cycloalkyl or heterocycloalkyl ring fused to Y; wherein the -C₁-6alkyl substituent, cycloalkyl ring, or heterocycloalkyl ring each optionally is further substituted with 1-5 independent halogen, -CN, -C₁-6alkyl, -O(C₀-6alkyl), -O(C₃-7cycloalkyl), -O(aryl), -O(heteroaryl), -N(C₀-6alkyl)(C₀-6alkyl), -N(C₀-6alkyl)(C₃-7cycloalkyl), or -N(C₀-6alkyl)(aryl) groups.

9. The compound according to Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

Y is quinoxalinyl optionally substituted with 1-5 independent halogen, -CN, NO₂, -C₁-6alkyl, -C₁-6alkenyl, -C₁-6alkynyl, -OR¹, -NR¹R², -C(=NR¹)NR²R³, -N(=NR¹)NR²R³, -NR¹COR², -NR¹CO₂R², -NR¹SO₂R⁴, -NR¹CONR²R³, -SR⁴, -SOR⁴, -SO₂R⁴, -SO₂NR¹R², -COR¹, -CO₂R¹, -CONR¹R², -C(=NR¹)R², or -C(=NOR¹)R² substituents, wherein optionally two substituents are combined to form a cycloalkyl or heterocycloalkyl ring fused to X; wherein the -C₁-6alkyl substituent, cycloalkyl ring, or heterocycloalkyl ring each optionally is further substituted with 1-5 independent halogen, -CN, -C₁-6alkyl, -O(C₀-6alkyl), -O(C₃-7cycloalkyl), -O(aryl), -O(heteroaryl), -N(C₀-6alkyl)(C₀-6alkyl), -N(C₀-6alkyl)(C₃-7cycloalkyl), or -N(C₀-6alkyl)(aryl) groups.

10. The compound according to Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

Y is pyrimidinyl optionally substituted with 1-3 independent halogen, -CN, NO₂,
 5 -C₁₋₆alkyl, -C₁₋₆alkenyl, -C₁₋₆alkynyl, -OR¹, -NR¹R², -C(=NR¹)NR²R³, -N(=NR¹)NR²R³,
 -NR¹COR², -NR¹CO₂R², -NR¹SO₂R⁴, -NR¹CONR²R³, -SR⁴, -SOR⁴, -SO₂R⁴, -SO₂NR¹R²,
 -COR¹, -CO₂R¹, -CONR¹R², -C(=NR¹)R², or -C(=NOR¹)R² substituents, wherein optionally
 10 two substituents are combined to form a cycloalkyl or heterocycloalkyl ring fused to X; wherein
 the -C₁₋₆alkyl substituent, cycloalkyl ring, or heterocycloalkyl ring each optionally is further
 substituted with 1-5 independent halogen, -CN, -C₁₋₆alkyl, -O(C₀₋₆alkyl), -O(C₃₋₇cycloalkyl),
 -O(aryl), -O(heteroaryl), -N(C₀₋₆alkyl)(C₀₋₆alkyl), -N(C₀₋₆alkyl)(C₃₋₇cycloalkyl), or -N(C₀₋₆
 6alkyl)(aryl) groups.

11. The compound according to Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

Z is C₀₋₆alkylaryl or -C₀₋₆alkylheteroaryl optionally substituted with 1-7
 independent halogen, -CN, NO₂, -C₁₋₆alkyl, -C₁₋₆alkenyl, -C₁₋₆alkynyl, -OR¹, -NR¹R², -
 C(=NR¹)NR²R³, -N(=NR¹)NR²R³, -NR¹COR², -NR¹CO₂R², -NR¹SO₂R⁴, -
 NR¹CONR²R³, -SR⁴, -SOR⁴, -SO₂R⁴, -SO₂NR¹R², -COR¹, -CO₂R¹, -CONR¹R²,
 20 -C(=NR¹)R², or -C(=NOR¹)R² substituents.

12. The compound according to Claim 11, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

W is C₀₋₆alkylaryl optionally substituted with 1-7 independent halogen, -CN,
 25 NO₂, -C₁₋₆alkyl, -C₁₋₆alkenyl, -C₁₋₆alkynyl, -OR¹, -NR¹R², -C(=NR¹)NR²R³,
 -N(=NR¹)NR²R³, -NR¹COR², -NR¹CO₂R², -NR¹SO₂R⁴, -NR¹CONR²R³, -SR⁴, -SOR⁴, -
 SO₂R⁴, -SO₂NR¹R², -COR¹, -CO₂R¹, -CONR¹R², -C(=NR¹)R², or -C(=NOR¹)R²
 substituents.

13. The compound according to Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

W is -C₀₋₆alkylheteroaryl optionally substituted with 1-7 independent halogen, -
 CN, NO₂, -C₁₋₆alkyl, -C₁₋₆alkenyl, -C₁₋₆alkynyl, -OR¹, -NR¹R², -C(=NR¹)NR²R³,
 -N(=NR¹)NR²R³, -NR¹COR², -NR¹CO₂R², -NR¹SO₂R⁴, -NR¹CONR²R³, -SR⁴, -SOR⁴, -

SO₂R⁴, -SO₂NR¹R², -COR¹, -CO₂R¹, -CONR¹R², -C(=NR¹)R², or -C(=NOR¹)R² substituents.

14. The compound according to Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

W is C₃₋₇cycloalkyl optionally substituted with 1-7 independent halogen, -CN, NO₂, -C₁₋₆alkyl, -C₁₋₆alkenyl, -C₁₋₆alkynyl, -OR¹, -NR¹R², -C(=NR¹)NR²R³, -N(=NR¹)NR²R³, -NR¹COR², -NR¹CO₂R², -NR¹SO₂R⁴, -NR¹CONR²R³, -SR⁴, -SOR⁴, -SO₂R⁴, -SO₂NR¹R², -COR¹, -CO₂R¹, -CONR¹R², -C(=NR¹)R², or -C(=NOR¹)R² substituents.

15. The compound according to Claim 14, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

W is C₀₋₆heterocycloalkyl optionally substituted with 1-7 independent halogen, -CN, NO₂, -C₁₋₆alkyl, -C₁₋₆alkenyl, -C₁₋₆alkynyl, -OR¹, -NR¹R², -C(=NR¹)NR²R³, -N(=NR¹)NR²R³, -NR¹COR², -NR¹CO₂R², -NR¹SO₂R⁴, -NR¹CONR²R³, -SR⁴, -SOR⁴, -SO₂R⁴, -SO₂NR¹R², -COR¹, -CO₂R¹, -CONR¹R², -C(=NR¹)R², or -C(=NOR¹)R² substituents.

16. The compound according to Claim 1, consisting of

2-(1-biphenyl-4-yl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-pyridine;

2-(1-biphenyl-2-yl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-pyridine;

4-(1-biphenyl-2-yl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-pyrimidine;

4-(1-biphenyl-3-yl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-pyrimidine;

2-[1-(4-cyclohexyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-pyridine;

4-[1-(4-cyclohexyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-pyrimidine

2-[1-(4-cyclohexyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-quinoline;

2-[1-(4-cyclohexyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-quinoxaline;

2-[1-(4-cyclohexyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-4-methyl-quinoline;

4-(1-biphenyl-4-yl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-pyrimidine;

1-{4-[4-(4-methyl-quinolin-2-yl)-pyrazol-1-yl]-phenyl}-imidazolidin-2-one;

1-methyl-3-[4-(4-pyrimidin-4-yl-pyrazol-1-yl)-phenyl]-imidazolidin-2-one;

1-methyl-3-[4-(4-quinolin-2-yl-pyrazol-1-yl)-phenyl]-imidazolidin-2-one;

1-methyl-3-[4-(4-quinoxalin-2-yl-pyrazol-1-yl)-phenyl]-imidazolidin-2-one;

1-methyl-3-{4-[4-(4-methyl-quinolin-2-yl)-pyrazol-1-yl]-phenyl}-imidazolidin-2-one;

2-(1-biphenyl-3-yl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-pyridine;

2-[1-(3-pyridin-3-ylphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]pyridine;

5 2-[1-(3-pyridin-2-ylphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]pyridine;

2-[1-(3-pyridin-4-ylphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]pyridine;

2-[1-(1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]pyridine;

2-[1-(4-pyridin-2-ylphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]pyridine;

2-[1-(4-pyridin-3-ylphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]pyridine;

10 2-(1-biphenyl-4-yl-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)-pyridine;

2-[1-(4-phenyl-thiazol-2-yl)-1H-pyrazol-3-yl]pyridine;

2-[4-(1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]pyridine;

2-{1-[3-fluoro-5-(2H-tetraazol-5-yl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-3-yl}pyridine;

2-[1-(3-chloro-5-pyridin-3-ylphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]pyridine;

15 6-(4-pyridin-2-yl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2,3'-bipyridine;

3-[3-fluoro-5-(1-pyridin-2-yl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)phenyl]-4-methylpyridine;

1-[3-chloro-5-(1-pyridin-2-yl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)phenyl]-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-*c*]pyridine;

2-[4-(3-chloro-5-pyridin-3-ylphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]pyridine;

2-[4-(3-fluoro-4-pyridin-2-ylphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]pyridine;

20 2-[4-(3-methoxy-4-pyridin-2-ylphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]pyridine;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

17. A pharmaceutical composition comprising:

a therapeutically effective amount of the compound according to claim 1, or a

25 pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

18. The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 17, further comprising i)

an opiate agonist, ii) an opiate antagonist, iii) a calcium channel antagonist, iv) a 5HT receptor

agonist, v) a 5HT receptor antagonist, vi) a sodium channel antagonist, vii) an NMDA receptor

30 agonist, viii) an NMDA receptor antagonist, ix) a COX-2 selective inhibitor, x) an NK1

antagonist, xi) a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug, xii) a GABA-A receptor modulator, xiii)

a dopamine agonist, xiv) a dopamine antagonist, xv) a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor, xvi)

a tricyclic antidepressant drug, xvii) a norepinephrine modulator, xviii) L-DOPA, xix) buspirone,

xx) a lithium salt, xxi) valproate, xxii) neurontin, xxiii) olanzapine, xxiv) a nicotinic agonist,

35 xxv) a nicotinic antagonist, xxvi) a muscarinic agonist, xxvii) a muscarinic antagonist, xxviii) a

selective serotonin and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor (SSNRI), xxix) a heroin substituting drug, xxx) disulfiram, or xxxi) acamprosate.

5 19. The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 18, wherein said heroin substituting drug is methadone, levo-alpha-acetylmethadol, buprenorphine or naltrexone.

10 20. The use of the compound of Claim 1 for the preparation of a medicament useful in the treatment of pain disorders, extrapyramidal motor function disorders, anxiety disorders, Parkinson's disease, depression, epilepsy, cognitive disfunction, drug addiction, circadian rhythm and sleep disorders, and obesity.

21. The use according to claim 20 wherein said pain disorder is acute pain, persistent pain, chronic pain, inflammatory pain, or neuropathic pain.

15 22. The use of the compound of Claim 1 for the preparation of a medicament useful in the treatment of anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder, psychosis, drug withdrawal, tobacco withdrawal, memory loss, cognitive impairment, dementia, Alzheimer's disease, schizophrenia or panic.

20 23. The use according to claim 20 wherein said disorder of extrapyramidal motor function is Parkinson's disease, progressive supramuscular palsy, Huntington's disease, Gilles de la Tourette syndrome, or tardive dyskinesia.